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INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY REPORT ON PATENTABILITY

International application No.

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Box No. I Basis of the report

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- ☐ The international application as originally filed/furnished
- ☒ the description:
- pages _____ 1-19 _____, as originally filed/furnished
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- ☒ the claims:
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International application No.

PCT/JP 03/15380

V. Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

1. Statement

Novelty (N)	Claims	9	YES
	Claims	1, 2, 5, 7	NO
Inventive step (IS)	Claims	9	YES
	Claims	1, 2, 5, 7	NO
Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims	1, 2, 5, 7, 9	YES
	Claims		NO

2. Citations and explanations

Document 1: JP 3-172471 A (Kabushiki Kaisha Daiichi Home), 25 July 1991

Claims 1, 2, 5, and 7

The inventions described in claims 1, 2, 5, and 7 are disclosed in document 1 cited in the international search report, and thus, lack novelty and do not involve an inventive step. The "vertical girders (6)" of the invention disclosed in document 1 correspond to the "one structural element" and "other structural element" of the present invention, and document 1 also discloses a constitution wherein a shock-absorbing device comprising plate springs is arranged so as to bridge between the "one structural element" and the "other structural element," and additionally, a foam resin layer is used to fill in the space in between the structural elements and to cover the plate springs.

Claim 9

The invention described in claim 9 is not disclosed in any of the documents cited in the international search report, nor would it be obvious to a person skilled in the art.